



**First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) Weekly Update to the
State Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) – September 16, 2014**

FirstNet News

- FirstNet has posted vacancy announcements for regional outreach leads in regions V, IX and X; please visit <https://firstnet.usajobs.gov/>. Note these positions are telework positions. FirstNet will advertise for the remaining 7 regions in the coming weeks.

Supervisory Communications Program Specialist (Region 5 - Outreach Lead) GS-0301-15

First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet)

Location: Springfield IL, Indianapolis IN, Lansing MI, Saint Paul MI,
Columbus OH, Madison WI

MAP vacancy announcement: [NTIA-FRNA-2014-0182](#)

DEU vacancy announcement: [NTIA-FRNA-2014-0181](#)

Supervisory Communications Program Specialist (Region 9 - Outreach Lead) GS-0301-15

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Location: Phoenix AZ, Sacramento County CA, Honolulu County HI, Carson
City County NV

MAP vacancy announcement: [NTIA-FRNA-2014-0188](#)

DEU vacancy announcement: [NTIA-FRNA-2014-0186](#)

Supervisory Communications Program Specialist (Region 10 - Outreach Lead) GS-0301-15

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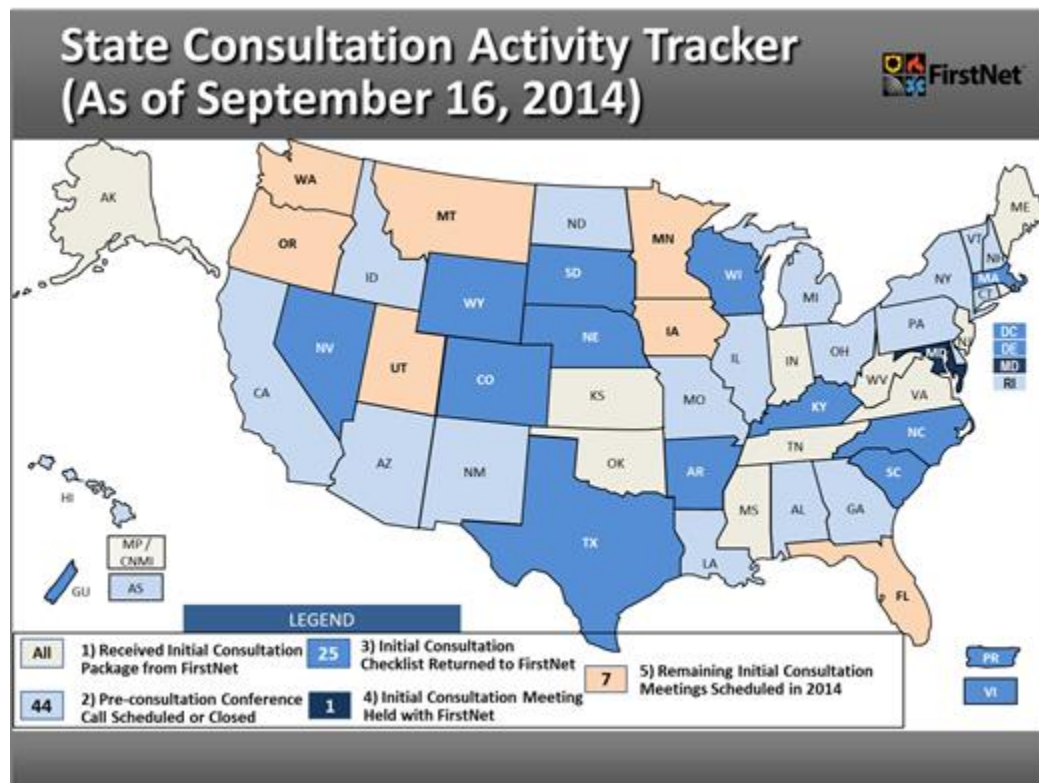
Location: Juneau County AK, Boise ID, Salem OR, Olympia WA

MAP vacancy announcement: [NTIA-FRNA-2014-0189](#)

DEU vacancy announcement: [NTIA-FRNA-2014-0187](#)

- Meeting reminders
 - The FirstNet Board Committee meetings are September 16 and the Board meeting is September 17 in Reston, VA. The agenda and information for those that plan to attend in-person is available at <http://firstnet.gov/content/board-meeting-september-2014>. Please note that if you plan to attend in person, an RSVP is required. The meetings will also be webcast on the FirstNet website.
 - FirstNet will host a brief conference call September 17 at 1:00 PM EDT with the SPOCs and Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) to highlight outcomes from the Board meeting, especially for those individuals that were unable to attend or listen in via the webcast. The call will also provide an opportunity for stakeholder questions.
 - The PSAC Executive Committee will meet at FirstNet headquarters on September 17-18.
 - FirstNet will host a briefing for staff representatives of public safety and state/local/tribal associations at FirstNet headquarters on September 18.
 - The next consultation meetings will be September 24 in Minnesota; October 8 in Oregon; October 16 in Washington; October 29 in Montana; November 6 in Utah; and November 18 in Iowa.
- Recent hires include:
 - **Claudia Wayne, Senior Advisor:** Claudia brings to her work over 25 years of management, legal, and policy development experience in the government, nonprofit, and private sectors. This includes 8 years of public safety emergency communications experience, primarily focused on stakeholder engagement and outreach. Claudia joined the FirstNet State Consultation team after working at the NTIA State and Local Implementation Grant Program established to fund state, local and tribal consultation with FirstNet. Previously, Claudia worked at the DHS Office of Emergency Communications where she established the Stakeholder Engagement and Outreach Branch and then the Regional Coordination Division. She may be reached at claudia.wayne@firstnet.gov.
- To date, FirstNet has received completed state consultation checklists from 25 states and territories: Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Guam, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland,

Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, Oregon, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, U.S. Virgin Islands, Utah, Washington, Washington DC, Wisconsin, Wyoming.



From the States

- FirstNet joins Missouri this week as the state merges its successful Missouri Department of Public Safety Emergency Communications Conference with the Missouri APCO Chapter Conference. This conference is September 14-17 in Lake Ozark, MO.
- FirstNet will be in Indianapolis to join our partners at the Indiana FirstNet/National Public Safety Broadband Conference on September 18. This event is sponsored by the Indiana Integrated Public Safety Commission.
- Coming next week, FirstNet will be in Fairfield, CA on September 24 to join the state team for a Town Hall meeting.

Media Watch

Traditional Media

This past week, we saw several articles with FirstNet equities, including previews of the upcoming Board meeting and reports that Sprint would not be participating in the upcoming AWS-3 spectrum auction.

Communications Daily (Summary): FirstNet's Prospects Seen Improving, But Challenges Remain (9/15/14) Recent shifts in the makeup of FirstNet's board will likely improve its relations with state governments, while other changes within the authority in recent months have significantly improved prospects for success, said participants and observers in interviews last week. The Department of Commerce said earlier this month that it was appointing five new members to FirstNet's board, and reappointing board member Ed Reynolds. The new members include ex-Vermont Republican Gov. Jim Douglas and Houston Mayor Annise Parker, a Democrat. Salt Lake City Chief of Police Chris Burbank, telecom executive Frank Plastina and Richard Stanek, sheriff of Hennepin County, Minnesota, are also new to the board (CD Sept 5 p13). The board set its first meeting with the new members for Tuesday and Wednesday (<http://bit.ly/1uLMJca>). The addition of Douglas and Parker to the board is likely to improve the authority's image with state governments, said former FCC Public Safety Bureau Chief Jamie Barnett, a telecom and cybersecurity lawyer at Venable. The National Governors Association was critical of the lack of state representation on the board when the board formed in 2012 (CD Sept 25/12 p13), so the addition of Douglas and Parker to the board is "a recognition that Commerce is going to have to pay attention" to the states' perspective, Barnett said. "There's been some lost time and misunderstandings, but this goes a long way toward getting FirstNet on the right track with the people that are going to be paying the bills and actually subscribing to the service."

Sprint to sit out AWS-3 auction (9/12/14) Sprint said it will not participate in the upcoming AWS-3 spectrum, choosing instead to conserve cash for a potential run at next year's planned 600 MHz incentive auction proceedings. The announcement came on the final day for bidders to announce their intentions.
<http://www.rcrwireless.com/20140912/carriers/sprint-to-sit-out-aws-3-auction-tag2>

TR Daily (Summary): FirstNet Board to Consider Network Solutions RFI Next Week (9/11/14) The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) board plans to consider at its Sept. 17 board meeting release of a comprehensive network request for information (RFI) according to an agenda released today.

Social Media

This week we launched the FirstNet YouTube account <https://www.youtube.com/user/FirstNetGov> and a multimedia page on our website <http://firstnet.gov/newsroom/multimedia> to host video testimonials and use cases about FirstNet. These video presentations have been well received by stakeholders at conferences and workshops, and we will continue to evolve the video library. The FirstNet

Twitter account now has more than 870 followers, and the LinkedIn account has more than 235 followers. Our blog posts from this week can be found at:
<http://www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog>